

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 8-18 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Helm. Please reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments made herein and the remarks that follow.

Claim Amendment

During a recent telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Examiner invited Applicant to amend claim 1 to recite the second bearing is mounted on the bearing seat to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to recite “wherein the second bearing is mounted on the second bearing seat.” Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification, for example, at Figs. 1-3 and page 7, lines 16-19. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment and reconsideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Substantive Rejection

As amended herein, claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, “the plastic body which surrounds the stator is an integral one piece molded body defining . . . a second bearing seat for receiving a second bearing at the second shaft end in an interior wall of said chamber and wherein the second bearing is mounted on the second bearing seat.” Halm does not disclose nor suggest this feature. Hence, Claim 1 is patentable over Halm.

The remaining claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 1 and are deemed patentable at least by the virtue of their dependence. In addition, obviousness rejection of certain dependent claims is deemed moot because each such claim depends from independent claim 1,

which is patentable over the art of record. Hence, additional reasons for patentability of each dependent claim will not be proffered here.

Please withdraw the rejections and allow the application to issue.

CONCLUSION

The claims are deemed in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

Although an extension of time is not deemed necessary at this time, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate extension fee to Deposit Account No.

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